



PRAY • ABOUT COMMITMENT SUNDAY • A CHURCH WITH A MISSION TO BRING LIFE  
OUR FOCUS THIS YEAR IS ON THE INDIVIDUAL • WHAT KIND OF PERSON DO YOU WANT TO BE?

## Element Two: Earth

### The Model: Luke 2:52

THIS IS A VERY HUMAN KIND OF VERSE • BUT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE JESUS IS MORE...

#### Jesus Grew in Stature

OBVIOUS... BABIES GROW • IF GOD BECOMES HUMAN, THIS IS A GIVEN  
JESUS GREW BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT HUMANS DO.

#### Jesus Grew in Wisdom

WISDOM IS BOTH INTELLECT AND RIGHT USE OF IT • ILL: NO CRYING HE MAKES  
ILL: JESUS AT 12, OF COURSE! HE WROTE THE BIBLE! • ILL: INSTANT LEARNING MATRIX  
JESUS KNEW THE SCRIPTURES BECAUSE HE STUDIED THEM.

#### Jesus Grew in Favor with God and People

THE PEOPLE PART MAKES SENSE, BUT IN FAVOR WITH GOD?

#### Aside on the Trinity:

ECHAD • FATHER / BLASPHEMY • RESURRECTION • PLUS THE SPIRIT!  
OUR LANGUAGE: JESUS AND GOD?? FATHER, SON, SPIRIT.

#### Back to our Passage:

JESUS LIVED SO THAT THE FATHER GREW MORE PLEASED // NOT MORE LOVE BUT MORE FAVOR  
AND WE ARE ALSO HIS CHILDREN!! JOHN 1:12  
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Jesus **GREW** and **SO SHOULD WE**!  
INTELLECTUALLY, PHYSICALLY, RELATIONALLY, SPIRITUALLY/MORALLY

### The Metaphor: Genesis 2:7

GENESIS 2:7

Our metaphor for growth is **EARTH**.

## Take it Home

GENESIS 1:27 • ROMANS 8:28-20 • CLAY TO THE POTTER, SOIL TO THE FARMER  
GOD HAS THE RIGHT TO SHAPE, PLACE, PLANT, AND TO EXPECT MY PARTICIPATION!

How does a person grow? Romans 12:2

- ▶ **SUBMIT** to God with **FAITH**.
- ▶ **LEARN** new stuff.
- ▶ Root out **OLD STUFF**.
- ▶ Don't do it **ALONE**.

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